



ABSTRACT

In order to realize a numerical information retrieving device which permits a user to retrieve numerical information without caring about representations or unit systems, the numerical information retrieving device of the present invention ~~comprises~~ includes an input [[means]] arrangement for inputting any document to-be-retrieved or any numerical expression ~~to be retrieved; to be retrieved~~, an attribute information dictionary which stores ~~therein~~ attribute names indicative of attributes and conditions for bestowing the attributes, an attribute bestowal [[means]] arrangement for bestowing an attribute on the inputted document or numerical expression by referring to the attribute information dictionary, a conversion information dictionary, ~~which stores attribute names indicative of attributes, non-converted character strings and converted character strings therein,~~ and a numerical conversion arrangement, ~~means for converting a numerical representation of a part of the document or numerical expression as is endowed with the attribute, from a non-converted character string into a converted character string by referring to the conversion information dictionary, thereby to convert the numerical information of the part endowed with the attribute.~~